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Applicant: HUGO KROISS ET AL.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding German office action citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of that portion of the German office action indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

Applicants also submit a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 filed in the USPTO on November 13, 2000, originally submitting the two

German references. A copy of the date-stamped return postcard from the USPTO is also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). Please charge our Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket 037/49674) in the amount of \$180.00.

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The International Search Report and references cited therein are being forwarded to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office separately. Those references are listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (as references AH, AI and AJ) but are not enclosed herewith.

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